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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - K.N. BELYAK

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1. AS POSTSCRIPT TO PROBLEM WHICH AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH MINISTER OF MACHINE-BUILDING FOR CATTLE BREEDING AND FORAGE PRODUCTION K.N. BELYAK'S ENTRY INTO U.S. SEPTEMBER 27, COMMATT WAS ADVISED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER OFFICIAL OCTOBER 22 THAT BELYAK IS GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S BROTHER-IN-LAW. MRS. BREZHNEV AND MRS. BELYAK ARE SISTERS, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER REP. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT AT SOVIET EMBASSY RECEPTION FOR MINISTER BELYAK, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DOBRYNIN, WHO USUALLY RETIRE BEFORE THE END OF SUCH EVENTS, STAYED ON UNTIL THE BITTER END. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER REP SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS MARK OF RESPECT FOR BELYAK.

2. COMMENT: KORNIYENKO'S COMPLAINT TO AMBASSADOR (REFTEL) OVER HANDLING OF BELYAK AT DULLES AIRPORT MAY HAVE BEEN BASED IN PART ON BELYAK'S CONNECTIONS WITH BREZHNEV.
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